PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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ZIRCONIA CORE PARTICLES COATED WITH CERIA PARTICLES,

PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREOF AND EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.